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Serial No. 10/612,855)	Group Art Unit
Filed: 07/03/2003)	
For: HEATED WINDSHIELD WIPER ASSEMBLY)	

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Sir:

This Statement is filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97. The prior art is listed on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08A.

The prior art references, namely the U.S. Patents and the Canadian Patent Application listed below, constitute the closest art of which the Applicant is aware relating to the invention of the above identified Application. The Application discloses and claims a heated windshield wiper assembly, which is patentable over this prior art, and which is as follows.

U.S. Patents

Patent No.	Issue Date	<u>Patentee</u>
D394,839	06/02/1998	Friesen
6,028,291	02/22/2000	Heisler

Canadian Patent Application

Patent App. No.	Publication Date	Inventor	
2.307.526	11/04/2001	Friesen	

It is respectfully submitted that Applicant's application discloses an invention which is patentable over these patent references, which are disclosed to the Patent Office to ensure that all pertinent art, of which Applicant is aware, is before the Examiner for consideration. Entry of these references into the file of the above Application is believed to be in order, and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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